

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

DATE: SEPTEMBER 2, 2015

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS TAYLOR
WOOD
BEATY
STROUGH

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR MONROE

OTHERS PRESENT:

REPRESENTING PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

WAYNE LAMOTHE, COUNTY PLANNER

GLENDA BENWARE, OFFICE SPECIALIST

REPRESENTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

ED BARTHOLOMEW, PRESIDENT

KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD

FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER

SUPERVISORS BROCK

MCDEVITT

SEEBER

SIMPSON

DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*

SAMANTHA HOGAN, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Mr. Taylor called the meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee to order at 10:37 a.m.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Wayne LaMothe, County Planner, who distributed copies of the agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing his agenda review, Mr. LaMothe requested authorization to submit an application to the Housing Trust Fund Corporation for housing assistance for grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined and the necessary resolution was authorized for the September 18th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Next, Mr. LaMothe requested to extend the Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE) policy established by Resolution 635 of 2014 for compliance with contract requirements pertaining to contract number C1000460 from the New York State Department of State to contract C1000561. He explained this could be accomplished either through a new resolution or by amending existing Resolution No. 635 of 2014.

Martin Auffredou, County Attorney, opined he would rather not have to amend the resolution each time there was a contract change. Mr. LaMothe stated that he would like the resolution to include language that would include all current and future awards.

Motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Ms. Wood and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the September 18th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. LaMothe apprised he had forwarded the contract documents to the Department of State and they were returned stating that the policy related to a specific grant award and it would not be accepted for this grant.

Mr. LaMothe informed the Committee that he would be out of the office from September 10th to October

12th for family medical leave. He noted that he would be available by email or phone, and that Glenda Benware, Office Specialist, would be available as well and would be presenting the Planning Budget to the Committee at their next meeting.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Ed Bartholomew, President of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), who distributed copies of the agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing his agenda review, Mr. Bartholomew advised the final EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) job training program orientations were being held at the Warren County One Stop and they were expecting a class size of approximately 20 individuals. He stated the program would commence on the third week of September. He stated they hoped to apply for more funding later this year; he added this was a very successful program and 60% of the individuals who graduated had found employment.

Mr. Bartholomew advised there had been a regional meeting by the Capital Region Economic Development Council at SUNY Adirondack in regards to the Upstate Revitalization Investment (URI) program. He noted 7 Councils from the area as well as the rest of Upstate New York would be competing for \$500,000,000 in funding. Mr. Bartholomew stated the top three applicants would receive the \$500,000,000 grant which would be distributed out over a five-year period. He stated that a lot of suggestions had come from the meeting many dealing with not for profit agencies for trails and bicycling as well as the arts and entertainment. He clarified the key of the program was employment.

Mr. Bartholomew advised of the continued push on the lack of cell phone coverage and broadband service within Warren County. He stated there could not be economic development in any of the towns lacking this coverage. He noted he was working with Brian LaFlure, Fire Coordinator/Director of the Office for Emergency Services, on this matter and would be putting forth information to New York State as part of the URI process.

Mr. Bartholomew advised the Committee that there would be no change from the current year's Budget.

Mr. Taylor presented a request to Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign in acceptance of Warren and Washington Counties Industrial Development Agency (WWIDA) Resolution No. 15-09. He explained this was a project that the IDA had approved and held a public hearing on ' he noted the Fort Edward Town Board had bought into the project, which included an enhanced pilot changing from 10 to 15 years. He advised General Municipal Law required each Chairman of the Board of Supervisors in Warren and Washington County to sign approving acceptance of the project.

Mr. Auffredou, noted the precise language of the statute was "the Chief executive officer shall confirm the proposed action of the agency." He added this was what was being requested, for the Chairman to confirm the proposed action of the agency.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the September 18th Board Meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Economic Growth & Development Committee, on motion made by Ms. Wood and seconded by Mr. Beaty, Mr. Taylor adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Hogan, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board